IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Accompanying Divisional Application Under 37 CFR 1.53:

Prior Application: Y. MORITA et al

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For:

SYNCHRONIZATION SYSTEM AND SYNCHRONIZATION

METHOD OF MULTISYSTEM CONTROL APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, before the first line, add the paragraph:

--This is a divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/205,343 filed December 4, 1998, now allowed.

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 1-17 and 25-30 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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REMARKS

Claims 18-24 are now pending.

Respectfully submitted

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